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Serial No. 09/828,322

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Title: BRIDGE-CLIP TISSUE CONNECTOR
APPARATUS AND METHODS

Examiner: K. Odland

Group Art Unit: 3743

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application, a copy of each of the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

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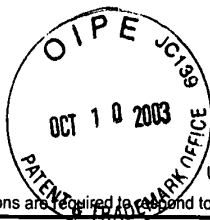
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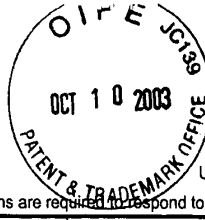
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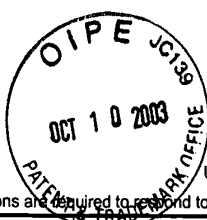
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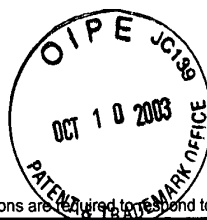
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